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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Sebastian SUERBAUM et al.)
Serial No.: 09/015,078) Group Art Unit: 1645
Filed: January 29, 1998) Examiner: S. Turner
For: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION))
OF THE *fbfa* GENE OF *H. PYLORI*,)
PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE)
STRAINS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Add as the first paragraph of the specification:

Under the provisions of Section 119 of 35 U.S.C., applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing date of French Patent Application No. 95 08068, filed July 4, 1995, for this United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/671,757.

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